

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7991–S8047

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3678–3683, and S. Res. 616–618. **Pages S8041–42**

Measures Reported:

S. 1546, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–249)

H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 112–250)

S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8041**

Measures Passed:

Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, to improve health care furnished by the Department, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, the committee reported title amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7994–95, S8016–18**

Murray Amendment No. 3336, to provide an offset. **Page S8017**

Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6116, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8046**

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require

judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8046**

Reid (for Burr) Amendment No. 3337, of a perfecting nature. **Page S8046**

Authorize the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 616, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S8046–47**

Measures Considered:

Transaction Account Guarantee: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8001–04**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 50 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained. **Pages S8003–04**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S8004**

Subsequently, the bill was committed to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs pursuant to Section 312(f) of the Congressional Budget Act. **Page S8004**

Reid Amendment No. 3314, to change the enactment date, fell when the bill was committed. **Page S8001**

Reid Amendment No. 3315 (to Amendment No. 3314), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3314 fell. **Page S8001**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3316, to change the enactment date, fell when the bill was committed. **Page S8001**

Reid Amendment No. 3317 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3316), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3316 fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 3318 (to Amendment No. 3317), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3317 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3316) fell.

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Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the bill.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, December 13, 2012, through Monday, December 17, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Olguin and Durkin Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2012, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Fernando M. Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote without intervening action or debate on confirmation of the nominations, in that order; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 228), Lorna G. Schofield, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—228)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8047.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPROVING CARE FOR DUALY-ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving care for dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on a progress update, after receiving testimony from Melanie Bella, Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas J. Betlach, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Director, Phoenix; MaryAnne Lindeblad, Washington State Health Care Authority Director, Olympia; and John B. McCarthy, Ohio Medicaid Office of Medical Assistance Director, Columbus.

TERRORIST NETWORKS IN PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded open and closed hearings to examine terrorist networks in Pakistan and proliferation of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense; and Jonathan Carpenter, Senior Economic Adviser, Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

ATTACKS IN BENGHAZI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on attacks in Benghazi from National Security Briefers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1223, to address voluntary location

tracking of electronic communications devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

HURRICANE SANDY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricane Sandy, focusing on assessing the Federal response and small business recovery efforts, after receiving testimony from Michael Chodos, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, and James Rivera, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, both of the Small Business Administration; Mayor Dawn

Zimmer, Hoboken, New Jersey; James L. King, New York State Small Business Development Center, Albany, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and Kevin S. Law, Long Island Association, Melville, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6654–6670; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 831–832, were introduced. **Pages H6806–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6807**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012: H.R. 4053, amended, to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 626;

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GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2012: S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office; and **Pages H6771–72**

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act: S. 1379, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service. **Pages H6772–75**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10:02 a.m. **Page H6775**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H6779**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to

the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages H6775–82**

Agreed to the Davis (CA) motion to instruct conferees by a yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 624. **Page H6780**

Agreed to the McKeon motion to permit closed conference meetings by a yeas-and-nays vote of 351 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 625. **Pages H6780–81**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rigell, Hartzler, West, Roby, Smith (WA), Reyes, Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loebuck, Tsongas, and Pingree (ME). **Page H6782**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Rogers (MI), Nunes, and Ruppberger. **Page H6782**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 541 and 561 of the House bill and secs. 563 and 571–73 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Petri, Noem and Scott (VA). **Page H6782**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 312, 601, 727, 3111, 3113,

3114, 3117, 3118, 3132, 3133, 3151, and 3202 of the House bill and secs. 736, 758, 914, 3118, 3122, 3152–54, 3156, and 5022 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Walden, Whitfield, and Waxman.

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From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 661 of the House bill, and secs. 651–55, subtitle E of title XII, and title L of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Capito, Huizenga (MI), and Perlmutter.

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From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 227, 230, 335, 355, 952, 1013, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1041, 1043, 1097, 1111, 1202, 1203, 1212, 1213, 1217, 1219, 1234, 1237, 1238, 1240, 1240A, 1240B, 1240C, 1243, 1245–47, 1301, 1303, 1531–33, title XVII, secs. 3120, 3121, and 3123 of the House bill and secs. 237, 342, 873, subtitle F of title VIII, secs. 1013, 1031, 1033, 1042, 1045, 1050, 1093, 1201–04, 1212–15, 1217, 1218, 1223, 1224, 1241, 1242, 1247, 1248, subtitle E of title XII, secs. 1301, 1531, 1532, 1534, 3114, and 5023 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, and Berman.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1111 of the House bill and sec. 1803 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives King (NY), Turner (NY), and Thompson (MI)

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 564, 593, 599, 1033, 1084, 1088, 1099C, 1707, and 1709 of the House bill and secs. 653, 736, 844, 844A, 897, 899, 1033, 1092, 1096, 1099C, 5021, 5024, subtitle E of title XII and title LI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), and Conyers.

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From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 316, 317, 601, 2841, 2846, and 2861 of the House bill and secs. 271, 312, 1091, 1433, title XIX, and sec. 2842 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT) and Markey.

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From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 313, 651, 663, 801, 812, 833, 952, 1101–04, 1111, 1616, 1683, 1702, 1704–06, and 2811 of the House bill and secs. 641, 822, 825, 844, 844A, 892, 894–96, 903, 1099A, 1101–04, and subtitle B of title LIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Issa, Walberg, and Cummings.

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From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 916, 1074, 1603, 1617, 1661, and 3158 of the House bill and secs. 271, 912, 1046, title XVIII, secs. 3153, 3159, and 3504 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hall, Biggert, and Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX).

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From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 1611, 1621–23, 1631, 1632, 1641, 1651–58, 1661, 1671–73, 1681–83, 1691, 1693a, 1695, and 1697 of the House bill and secs. 848, 888, 889E, 1090, and 1099E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Graves (MO), Herrera Beutler, and Velázquez.

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 334, 535, 601, 704, 1074, 1078, 2801, and 3509 of the House bill and secs. 521, 1803, 1804, 3503–05, 3508, and 3509 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Coble and Bishop (NY).

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From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 355, 564, 565, 664, and 728 of the House bill, and secs. 642, 755, 756, 759–64, 1044, 1087, 1090, 1097, 1099B, and title L of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bilirakis, Lamborn and Michaud.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, December 17th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6775.

Senate Referral: S. 3677 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6780, H6781 and H6782. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DODD–FRANK DERIVATIVES REFORM: CHALLENGES FACING U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a

hearing on “Dodd-Frank Derivatives Reform: Challenges Facing U.S. and International Markets”. Testimony was heard from Bart Chilton, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Jill E. Sommers, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

STATE OF UNCERTAINTY: IMPLEMENTATION OF PPACA’S EXCHANGES AND MEDICAID EXPANSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “State of Uncertainty: Implementation of PPACA’s Exchanges and Medicaid Expansion”. Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight; Cindy Mann, CMS Deputy Administrator, Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Centers, Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce D. Greenstein, Secretary, Department of Health & Hospitals, State of Louisiana; Dennis G. Smith, Secretary, Department for Health Services, State of Wisconsin; Gary D. Alexander, Secretary, Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary, Office of Secretary Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland; and Andrew Allison, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services, State of Arkansas.

EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF THE VOLCKER RULE ON MARKETS, BUSINESSES, INVESTORS AND JOB CREATION, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Impact of the Volcker Rule on Markets, Businesses, Investors and Job Creation, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.Res. 819, Directing the Attorney General of the United States to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, any documents and legal memoranda in the Attorney General’s possession relating to the practice of targeted

killing of United States citizens and targets abroad. The resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

NORTHEAST CORRIDOR FUTURE: OPTIONS FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL DEVELOPMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Northeast Corridor Future: Options for High-Speed Rail Development and Opportunities for Private Sector Participation”. Testimony was heard from Representative Maloney; Karen J. Hedlund, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Joseph Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak; Joan McDonald, New York State Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

REPORT ON THE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES POSED BY CHINESE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES HUAWEI AND ZTE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE. This was a closed meeting.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, December 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, December 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1, Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act. At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Fernando M. Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Thomas M. Durkin, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, with votes on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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